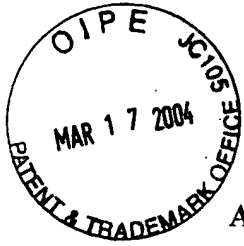


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of September 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 18, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond, and the required fees are submitted herewith. In the event that any other extension or additional fees are due to have this Amendment and Response entered and considered, this is a conditional petition for such extension, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.